

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended herein.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found on page 15, lines 15-22, page 17, lines 12-18, of the specification, and Figure 3 of the drawings, as discussed below. Applicant submits that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the Decision on Appeal, it is indicated that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Bergman et al. has been withdrawn.

**Regarding the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Cady (U.S. Patent No. 4,544,445).**

The rejection of claims 1-3 over Cady is overcome by the amendments to the claims. The amendment to claim 1 recites the structure of the apparatus that directs the gas flow, and correspondingly more specifically recites the direction of the gas flow of the present invention.

In particular, the amendment to claim 1 recites the flow of gas around the baffle plate, which is shown by reference numeral 35 in Fig. 3. As described on page 17, lines 12-18, the gas flows along the upper face of baffle plate 35 to the outer peripheral edge of the baffle plate, turns around the outer peripheral edge, and then can be seen to flow along bottom plate 31, where the gas passes through injection openings 32a of supply port 32.

Applicant notes that in Cady's Figs. 8A and 8B, for example, the analogue of the recited injection openings would be orifices 64. However, as can be seen in Fig. 8A, there is no baffle plate

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between the fluid flow controller and the orifices. Applicant also notes that none of Figs. 1-8 of Cady illustrates a baffle plate as recited in amended claim 1. Accordingly, Cady does not disclose supplying a gas in the manner of amended claim 1.

Applicant further submits that there is no suggestion in Cady for this limitation of the present claims. Applicant therefore submits that claims 1-3, as amended, are not anticipated by, and are non-obvious over Cady.

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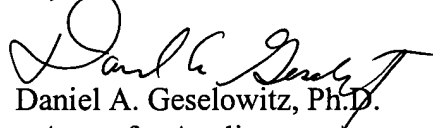
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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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